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JOHN ROBERTS OF MERION.

[The original of the following record is in possession of the Roberts family of this city, in the handwriting of John Roberts of Carnarvonshire, Wales, the progenitor of the family in this country.]

"An account of *John Roberts* left to my Posterity.

"A short account of John Roberts formerly of Llyn, being son of Richard Roberts, and Grand-son of Robert Thomas Morris, who lived at Cowyn, in the Parish of Llanerngan, and County of Carnarvon; my Mother, being Margaret Evans, daughter of Richard Evans of the Parish of Llangian and county aforesaid. Being convinced of God's Everlasting Truth about the year 1677, not by man nor through man, but by the Revelation of Jesus Christ in my own heart, being about thirty miles from any Friends or Meeting, in that time when I was convinced, but coming into acquaintance with Friends near Dollgella and near Bala in Merionethshire I frequented their meetings while I abode in those parts, but by the Providence of God, in the year 1683 I transported myself with many of my friends for Pennsylvania where I and they arrived, the sixteenth day of the ninth month, One thousand six hundred and eighty-three, being then thirty-five years old; and settled myself in the place which afterwards I called Pencoid in the Township of Merion, which was afterwards called so by them, being the first settlers of it, having brought with me one servant man from my native land, and fixed my settling here I took to wife Gaynor Roberts, daughter to Robert Pugh (or ap Hugh) from Llwyndedwydd near Bala in Merionethshire, her mother being Elizabeth William Owen, one of the first that was convinced of the Truth in that neighborhood. So leaving this account for our Offspring and others that desire to know from whence we came and who we descended from and when we came to settle unto this place

where we now abide, being then a wilderness, but now by God's blessing upon our endeavors is become a fruitful field. To God's name be the Praise, Honor and Glory, who is worthy of it for ever and for ever more."

The same was entered in the records of Merion Meeting, as the following from the minutes of the meeting show:

"MERION PREPARATIVE MTG.
"11 mo. 5. 1704.

"John Roberts brought in an account to this meeting of his place of abode in his native country being Llun in Caernarvonshire, convincement and removall to this Country, marriage and other remarkable passages of his life, in order to be entered upon Record.

"Whereas John Robert in ye county of Carnarvon hath declared his intention in order to his removal to Pennsylvania in America we thought it convenient to certify in his behalf that he is one th^t owned and received the truth for these 6 years past. Hath walked since blameless in his conversation and servicable in his place—also that he is free from all contracts of marriage and matrimony to a certain knowledge of good reputation amongst his neighbors acquaintance and relations where he lived.

"From the Mens Meeting at Penllan ye 18 of 5th month 1683.

"RICHARD PRICE
"ROBERT OWEN
"CADD ELLIS
"EVAN REES
"ROBERT EVAN
"ELLIS DAVID
"HUGH GRIFFITH
"MORRIS HUMPHREY
EDWARD GRIFFITH
THOMAS PRICHARD
DAVID JONES
WILLIAM MORGAN
GRIFFITH JOHN
ROGER ROBERT
EVAN OWEN"